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SUBJECT: INDIA REQUESTS US SUPPORT FOR CHAIRMANSHIP
OF UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

1. INDIAN UN PERMREP JAIPAL CONTACTED AMB. LEONARD ON JULY 7 TO REQUEST US SUPPORT FOR INDIAN CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE REVIVED UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION WHICH, AS DECIDED BY THE SSOD, WILL FIRST MEET BRIEFLY DURING THE 33RD UNGA. JAIPAL TOLD LEONARD THAT HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE INDIAN CANDIDACY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE ASIAN GROUP AND PROBABLY BY THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. IT IS INDIA'S HOPE THAT THE MAJOR POWERS ALSO WOULD SUPPORT THEIR CANDIDACY AND THAT THE DECISION COULD BE TAKEN BY ACCLAMATION. THEIR CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP IS M.A. VELLODI, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE SUPPORT JAIPAL'S REQUEST. WE SEE A NUMBER OF BENEFITS IN INDIAN CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNDC. IT WOULD GIVE INDIA THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZING THE WORK OF THIS BODY AND TRYING TO ASSURE THAT ITS ACTIONS AND DECISIONS ARE REACHED BY CONSENSUS. IN EFFECT, THIS WOULD
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LEAD INDIA TO TAKE A MORE CENTRAL AND RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN THE UNDC RATHER THAN MAINTAIN THE CRITICAL AND AT TIMES EXTREME STAND WHICH IT TOOK AT THE SSOD. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR VELLODI'S CANDIDACY IN TURN WILL HELP US TO OBTAIN INDIAN ASSISTANCE IN GETTING NON-ALIGNED ACCEPTANCE FOR OUR SLATE FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT IN GENEVA.

3. WE REQUEST QUICK DECISION ON THIS MATTER SO
THAT LEONARD CAN REPLY TO JAIPAL EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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